

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
Douglas W. Hall	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 2883
Serial No.: 09/105,572	§	
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Confirmation No.: 5745	§	
	§	Examiner: Eric K. Wong
Filed: June 26, 1998	§	
	§	Customer No.: 47389
For: FIBER AMPLIFIER	§	
HAVING MODIFIED GAIN	§	
SPECTRUM	§	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 5, 2009**

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 5, 2009, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/000845/WCG for any deficiency of fees and credit any overpayment required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

A listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.